

6. Powerloom Development Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) has been set up for assistance in export promotion and development activities relating to decentralised powerloom sector.

The Government is taking all the necessary steps for overall development of powerloom sector as explained above and is providing adequate financial support under various schemes. Several relaxations pertaining to technical and financial norms have been made in the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to suit the needs of the decentralised powerloom sector. The response to this scheme has been overwhelming. In addition a Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks has been launched in 2005 to provide the textile sector with world-class infrastructure by merging two schemes viz. Apparel Parks for Exports (APE) and Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS). The Scheme is open for setting up powerloom units as well.

Proposals to tackle terrorism

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SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering various proposals including amending the Police Act and introduction of new War on Terrorism to tackle terrorism in the country;

(b) if so, whether these proposals were considered by the Secretaries of Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs, officials of the Planning Commission, Cabinet Secretariat, Legal Affairs Department and the Intelligence Bureau; and

(c) if so, by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Government remains fully committed to combating the menace of terrorism and has been pursuing a multi-pronged approach and strategy to counter the threat of terrorism.

Whenever it is considered necessary, appropriate action is taken to streamline the legal framework to deal with terrorism. The Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended in September, 2004, has the necessary provisions to deal with all facets of terrorism.

The exercise to revise the Police Act is primarily aimed at reforms in the structure and functioning of the States and UTs Police forces. Police being a State subject, the States are empowered to take appropriate steps in this regard.

Notification regarding fixed term employment workmen

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SHRI CHITTABRATAMAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided in July, 2004 to rescind the notification issued on 10th December, 2003, incorporating Fixed Term Employment Workmen in the Schedule to Industrial Employment (Standing Order) Act, 1946;

(b) whether a draft notification to this effect was issued on 30th September, 2004;

(c) whether the trade unions welcomed the move and the employers opposed the same, in tripartite meeting held on 21st December, 2004;

(d) whether the final notification was deferred indefinitely on this ground;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether, in a similar meeting on 21st November, 2003, when the trade unions opposed the draft notification, the final notification dated 10th December, 2003 was issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Government had amended the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946, to include "Fixed Term Employment Workmen" in the Schedule of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and Model Standing Orders annexed to the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules 1946, *vide* Notification GSR No. 936(E) dated 10.12.2003. In July 2004, the above mentioned amendment was reviewed and a draft intention